

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Atomic Marshall Plan

THE "atomic Marshall Plan" as envisaged by Mr. John Hopkins, Chairman of the General Dynamics Corporation of America, has a great deal of merit and there is no doubt that his idea would benefit the whole world and more particularly the backward countries. Mr. Hopkins' proposal is that American private enterprise, the United States Government and friendly nations finance and construct atomic reactors in the power-short, food-short, water-short and life-short areas. The underlying principle of the argument is that if the majority of the present free economic aid is diverted to the construction of "cheap power" installations then the backward countries will become self-supporting in a much shorter space of time. The United States and Great Britain have already offered fissile materials towards this end. It therefore seems certain that an international atomic agency will come into being despite Russian moves to play along their own lines of "restriction for everyone except themselves."

AMERICA is prepared to open a reactor training school next year in which technicians of many countries will study the peaceful uses of atomic energy and she will invite medical and surgical experts from abroad to study the use in American hospitals of atomic energy techniques in treating cancer. Britain has already opened her reactor school at Harwell to foreign students and has promised the production of radioactive isotopes—of which she is already the leading producer—for distribution overseas. The initial benefit from the plan will not become apparent for at least a generation as the science is still in its infancy and that is why Mr. Hopkins has advocated a 100-year programme. The adoption of such a plan, as far as the Western Powers are concerned, must be immediate as there is little time left to us before the Russians and their satellites enter the field of atomic magnanimity to the detriment of the free nations.

The Devil's Hoofprint Seen In Devon

In February, 1855, in the sleepy little village of Dawlish in Devon, the people woke up one morning to find the surrounding country blanketed in snow. But when Dawlish came to life after breakfast, the people were amazed to find strange hoofprints in their fields and gardens, even on their roofs and haystacks!

The footprints resembled those of a donkey but many villagers swore that the marks they saw in the snow were made by THE CLOVEN HOOFS!

This week the China Mail brings you the fascinating story of THE DEVIL'S HOOFPRINT—a mystery which is still unsolved after 100 years.

There is another instalment of A. J. Forrester's authentic inside story about INTERPOL. This week he tells you about international drug traffickers in THE LOVE VILLA WAS A SECRET DOPE STORE.

Part four of the Gertrude Lawrence story, FABULOUS LADY by NANCY SPAIN appears this week telling how Noel Coward came to the rescue of Gertrude after her financial crash.

The China Mail also gives you the real story behind the Nasser-Nasser feud in HOW TO BACK A DICTATOR IN EASY STAGES.

Ritchie Calder continues his series on Israel while William Barclay has some stories about Lord George from Frank Owen's "Tempestuous Journey".

EARLY SUCCESS FOR TRADE GROUP

'A Number Of Contracts' Signed In Peking
JOINT STATEMENT BY BRITISH DELEGATION AND C.N.I.E.C.

London, Dec. 2. United Kingdom and Hongkong industrialists and businessmen visiting China have signed a number of business contracts with Chinese import and export organisations. This was announced in a joint statement issued in Peking today by the China National Import and Export Corporation and the British trade delegation visiting China, according to the New China News Agency. The statement said that "preliminary arrangements" had been made for another British businessmen's delegation to visit Peking in March next year, and that both sides recognised that the present visit had been "fruitful" and would be helpful to the development of Sino-British trade.

The statement said the British delegation had been negotiating with the China National Import and Export Corporation, the various national export corporations and the Bank of China since November 22. "Negotiations have been carried out in a friendly, cordial atmosphere," it added.

THE POPE: "ALARM OVER NOW"
Official Vatican Statement

Vatican City, Dec. 3. Pope Pius XII fought stubbornly for his life early today after surviving a heart attack and rallying from a state of collapse.

Sources in close touch with the Papal household, however, said the Pope was still suffering from his stomach ailment and the hiccoughs, but that his heart condition had shown a marked improvement early today and he had recovered all his faculties.

The Chief of the Vatican Press Office, after a visit to the third floor of the Vatican Palace, announced to reporters "there is now complete serenity."

ALARM OVER It was understood that the Papal physician considered there was "no immediate cause for alarm."

The Vatican Press Chief, Dr. Luciano Casimiri, told hundreds of reporters who had hurried to the Vatican, "the alarm is now over and we are closing down the Press Office."

The 78-year-old spiritual leader of the world's 425,000,000 Roman Catholics was in a grave condition during the four hours after he suffered the heart attack yesterday there were fears at the highest Vatican level that the Pope might not survive the night. Crowds of the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square to kneel in prayer for his recovery and Clementine Cardinal Mennini, the Vicar of Rome, issued a call to prayer for the Pope's recovery throughout the world.

Vatican sources said that the Pope's doctors were considering whether an operation was necessary or feasible. Authoritative Vatican sources said he never lost consciousness. Rome newspapers reported without confirmation that he had been given the last rites of the Church.

Professor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the Pope's long friend and personal physician, stood alone through the night beside the Pope's bed on the third floor of the Vatican Apostolic Palace. Italian Federal police moved in late last night to clear St. Peter's Square of some 200 people still praying for the Pope's recovery. The shutters on the Pope's bedroom window were closed shortly after midnight. Police threw a ring around the vast square to prevent cars entering the area and disturbing the Pope's sleep.

SCELBA'S MESSAGE Italian Premier Mario Scelba sent a message to the Vatican yesterday expressing best wishes for the Pope's recovery. He said the "whole Catholic World is sharing a common anxiety." United Press.

In Washington President Eisenhower said he fervently hoped the Pope would make a quick recovery from his illness. In Boston, more than 2,000 Protestant delegates of the National Council of Churches stood in silent prayer today for Pope Pius XII. The delegates also interrupted their biennial assembly meeting to pass a resolution of sympathy for the ailing Pontiff.—United Press & Reuters.

U.S. SENATE AGAIN CENSURES McCARTHY

Washington, Dec. 2. Senator McCarthy was censured by the Senate for the second time in two days.

He was condemned today for his attacks on the Special Committee which recommended he be censured and for calling the special Senate session to debate the motion a "lynch party."

But today's vote wiped out one of the original counts against Senator McCarthy—that he "improperly abused" Brigadier-General Ralph W. Zwicker when he appeared before the Senate Investigations Sub-Committee.

McCARTHY ABSENT The condemnation of McCarthy for his remarks about the special committee—he called its members "witting hand-picked" of the Communists—was offered and adopted as a substitute for the count relating to General Zwicker.

McCarthy was not present during the vote and had not been in the chamber at any time during today's session. Other developments were: Senator Ralph Flanders apologized today to the Senate

"The main purposes of the present visit of the delegation are to discuss matters relating to further development of business between both sides and at the same time negotiate concrete business."

"Within a period of nearly two weeks the delegation has signed a number of business contracts with the China National Import and Export Corporation and various national export corporations and in order to assure regular supplies, long-term contracts for several commodities have been signed. Views have also been extensively exchanged relating to respective requirements and supplies of both sides, thus creating favourable conditions for the development of future trade."

Ample Scope For Development

The statement continued: Several problems of a general nature relating to the development of trade have also been discussed with satisfactory results. Preliminary arrangements have been made for another visit to Peking in March 1955 of British industrialists and businessmen to be organised by the Sino-British Trade Committee.

"Both sides recognise that the present visit is fruitful and will be helpful to the development of Sino-British trade. As a result of the visit and discussions it is clear that commodities that can be exchanged by China and Great Britain are numerous and there is ample scope for further development of Sino-British trade, particularly when normal trade conditions are fully restored."

The statement was signed by Mr. Tso Chung-shu, Acting Director of the China National Import and Export Corporation, and Mr. W. G. Pullen, leader of the British delegation.

The agency said the present British delegation's visit had been arranged following discussions between the Sino-British Trade Committee and the Chinese Trade Mission during their visit to Britain last July.—Reuters.

Champion Red Hunter Here



Captain Bhaktur Bahadur Rai, M.C., of the 2/7th Gurkha Rifles, who lost his left leg in Malaya last year, walked on board the Tiwangai, with the aid of a walking stick last week to embark for Hongkong. One of the many heroes among the Gurkhas, Captain Rai was responsible for killing a high ranking "mystery" terrorist in the Bengali area last year. Captain Rai still hopes to return to Malaya for another "go" at the bandits after his two years' "rest" in Hongkong is over.—Straits Times Picture.

Four Explosions Now 2 A.M. BOMB SHOCK IN MACAO

From Our Correspondent

Macao, Dec. 3. Another bomb, the fourth since last night, exploded at 2.15 this morning at the men's lavatory in the Apollo Theatre causing no personal injuries.

The room, however, was extensively damaged. Of the other three earlier bombs, the first exploded about 7.30 p.m. at Sui-ching Gambling House causing three deaths and wounding 18 people, some of them seriously.

A second bomb exploded about 9.15 p.m. in a room on the fourth floor of the Grand Hotel also causing extensive damage to furniture, walls, windows. The splinters of this bomb slightly wounded a woman passer-by on the street.

A THIRD BOMB A third bomb believed to be an incendiary type exploded about 9.30 p.m. in a room at the Annex to the Bela Vista Hotel burning out a room, but there were no personal injuries. The Fire Brigade quickly extinguished this fire.

It is believed that a Chinese male passenger who had arrived from Hongkong a little earlier by the m.v. Talloy took a room at the Grand, leaving later and has not been seen since.

A similar procedure was followed at the Bela Vista presumably by the same man. The Police are searching for the man in the belief that he might be able to help them with their inquiries.

Compton May Play In Second Test

Brisbane, Dec. 2. There is a reasonable chance that Denis Compton will play in the second Test, which starts at Sydney on December 17.

This news followed a visit by Compton to the doctor who examined his injured hand. Geoff Howard, manager of the M.C.C. team in Australia, made the announcement, basing his comment on medical opinion.—China Mail Special.

The leader of the United States delegation to the United Nations, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, said last night the case of the 11 American airmen gaoled by Communist China, would be brought to the United Nations.

No-Impulsive Action Against China Says Eisenhower

Washington, Dec. 2. President Eisenhower said today a blockade of Communist China would be "an act of war" which he would not take without mature consideration and consultation with Congress.

He said China's holding of 11 war prisoners who were in uniform under American and United Nations auspices was completely indefensible. But he said he would not take any impulsive action which might be a step to war no matter how outraged he felt in this case.

He said the United States must show the Communists that it genuinely had peaceful intentions and then perhaps the Communists would change their ways.

He said he felt strongly that the United Nations should step in to help release the unarmoured prisoners who were captured by the Chinese while carrying out a U. N. mandate.

ILLEGAL HOLDING

The President said he did not see how the United Nations could refrain from action on behalf of the prisoners and still keep its self-respect.

The President said the illegal holding of war prisoners by the Chinese was in no way comparable to the recent incident near the Northern Japanese border in which the Russians shot down a United States plane. On a sea occasion he said the issues involved were "cloudy" because the border there was in dispute.

In the prisoner case, the President said, the matter of the two civilians was "cloudy" but in the case of the unarmoured personnel the Chinese action was completely indefensible.

In discussing another phase of attempts to live peacefully with the Communists, President Eisenhower rejected the idea of breaking diplomatic relations with the Russians. He said much patience was necessary to encourage peace and that nothing would be gained by pretending that opponents of the United States did not exist.

MODUS VIVENDI

He said that by maintaining a position of strength and at the same time talking reasonably with the Communists, the United States might achieve a modus vivendi with them.

He held out this hope of peaceful existence together despite what he said was the unchanging threat of the Communists for world domination. He noted that the Communists had alternately used threats and blandishments to try to prevent Western European Union and to split the free nations and the United States itself.

In discussing the war prisoners held by China the President said it was his impulse to take immediate and stern action to obtain release. But he said with the policy of peace he could not allow himself or the nation to take impulsive actions. Obviously the Communists had timed their announcement of sentences against the prisoners as a deliberate action because they had already held them for about two years.

NO IMPULSIVE ACTION

If the Communists were trying to split Western nations or the United States, or otherwise goad the United States into impulsive action, he would resist it.

If this was the Communist intention, it made a mockery of the so-called "adapted" policy by the Russians, which almost approached the category of blatant blackmail, he said.

Whatever their immediate purpose the Communists had always aimed to divide the democratic nations and to divide the United States, which was the strongest of them, with the idea of eventually conquering them and attaining world domination.

Two courses were open to the United States, he went on. In many ways the earliest code for the President would be to adopt a truculent, cold, almost insulting attitude.

PATIENCE

However, the proper course was patience in the hope that the other side would see the United States' personal intentions. He said that they do not always believe the United States when it says it is peacefully inclined.

As far as a blockade was concerned, he went on, he supposed it was possible one could be enforced without war. He had never seen one of that kind, he added. A blockade was normally an act of war to compel an adversary to give up its way of thinking. If he ever felt it necessary to take up a step which might lead to war he would not act on impulse, he said. He would go to Congress and, by constitutional methods, obtain their recommendations before acting.—United Press.

James Hilton Gravely Ill

Long Beach, California, Dec. 2.

The man who wrote "Lost Horizon", "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and "Random Harvest"—James Hilton—was reported to be in a "grave condition" at the Riverside Memorial Hospital today.

Hospital spokesmen said Mr. Hilton was "seriously ill" but refused to give any details of the illness. Specialists were later called in to examine Mr. Hilton.

Mr. Hilton has been in hospital since November 21. For the last 10 years he has lived quietly at this Southern California beach metropolis—about 25 miles from the film studios of Hollywood which had brought him even wider fame with adaptations of his books.

James Hilton who was born at Leigh in Lancashire in 1890, also wrote "The Story of Dr. Wassell", "We Are Not Alone" and "So Well Remembered".—United Press.

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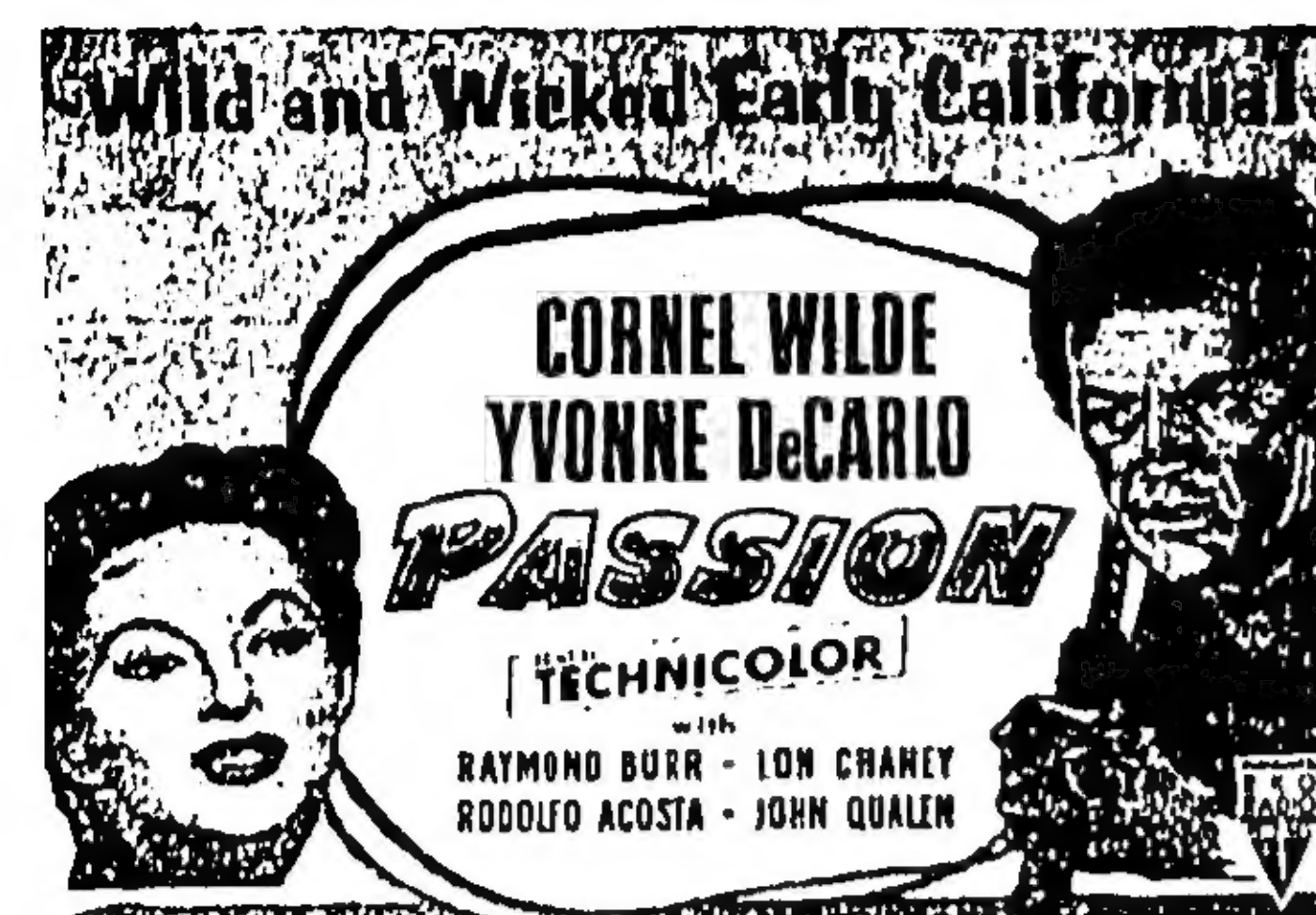
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On Whalers**

World attention has been focused on multi-millionaire Mr. Aristotle Onassis, Greek shipowner, whose whaling fleet has been attacked by warships and bombers of the Peru Navy and Air Force for an alleged breach of their territorial waters. Mr. Onassis is seeking the help of Britain (Lloyds of London have insured the whalers) and the United Nations. Meanwhile, the factory ship and five "catcher" vessels have been captured and taken to the Peruvian port of Paita. (See also P. 9). — Express Photo.

GLOBAL STRATEGY**Montgomery Calls
For A Non-Red
Organisation****POLITICAL & MILITARY**

New York, Dec. 2.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander of NATO, tonight called for global organisation of the non-Communist world in political and military strategy.

He told 2,200 people at a meeting of the English-speaking Union and the Foreign Policy Association: "A great handicap is that in the free world, we have no global organisation to direct political or military strategy. As a result the dissipation of effort on the part of the free nations in the contest with aggressive Communism and generally in the cold war is tremendous."

Lord Montgomery, making the major speech of his two weeks' tour of the United States, said he believed the "greatest need today is the creation of some organisation which would direct our affairs on a global basis."

"At present we have only one such organisation, the United Nations. It is a good one, but it is not a global organisation. It is a regional organisation, limited to the Western Hemisphere."

"The world is split by two conflicting ideological doctrines of moral and political values. The Communist bloc is centrally directed from Moscow. The free nations of the West have no such advantage as I have already said. We can offset this disadvantage only by certain other assets."

"The most important of these are: "Strength—political, economic, moral and military."

"Unity—and with this must go unselfish solidarity."

"Leadership—from your nation."

The Field Marshal posed the question of what long-term remedy there could be for the present trouble between the Communist and non-Communist powers which had "led to what is called the cold war—a better name would be the cold peace."

THE REMEDY
The remedy, he suggested, was "in calmness and confidence to meet strength with strength, will, and faith."

"In these circumstances, is what is called 'peaceful co-existence' possible? Yes, I think it is; but the term must be rightly understood. If peace means simply the absence of major war, then 'peaceful co-existence' in our time is not only possible but probable, provided—and only provided—the free nations maintain their strength and unity, and the leadership of the United States is convincing and is exercised with understanding."

"If, however, peace is something more than the mere absence of total war, it is understood to mean a positive spirit of harmony and concord, then I consider that 'peaceful co-existence' is not to be hoped for."

"We are faced therefore with the prospect of a peaceful co-existence which means the absence of both peace and war to the full sense on both words and which may be avoided, but 'near misses' were frequent."

The police have started a campaign to stop this practice and also racing in the streets, at which, it is stated, speeds up to 95 miles an hour have been recorded.—France-Press.

**RUSSIAN
ROULETTE
ON WHEELS**

Maritzburg, Dec. 2.

"Russian roulette on wheels" is the latest hobby of a gang of young hooligan drivers in Maritzburg, South Africa.

At any time after midnight, parties of youths split into teams of three or four cars and, at a given signal set off in opposite directions. Their courses cross frequently at intersections and the cars rush into the intersections at full speed.

Ignoring the traffic lights, the driver presumably hopes that one of the opposing teams is not also entering the intersection from the other direction.

So far, serious accidents have been avoided, but "near misses" were frequent.

The police have started a campaign to stop this practice and also racing in the streets, at which, it is stated, speeds up to 95 miles an hour have been recorded.—France-Press.

**Catholic Situation
To Be Investigated
In Indo-China**

Hanoi, Dec. 2.

Three roving teams of the International Armistice Control Commission in Indo-China have left for the southern part of Tonkin and for Northern Annam to investigate the situation of Catholic residents of these areas wishing to leave for Southern Vietnam, it was announced here today.

The areas due for investigation are the Binh Dinh area, that of Thua Binh and Ninh Binh on the Red, and the northern coast of Annam, including the regions of Vinh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An and Huong Hoa.

Observers emphasised that it was the first time that an investigation has been necessary in the regions of Vinh and Thanh Hoa, which have been under Vietminh control practically throughout the war. The investigation is taken at the request of the French.

It was understood that the Commission's roving teams will first try to ascertain whether offices have been established in the villages of these areas to deliver passes to those people wishing to go south, as provided under the Geneva Agreements.

Meanwhile, according to reports reaching from Phat Diem where the Commission sent an investigation group three weeks ago, 8,261 refugees received passes and left that area between November 12 and 30, while 8,092 have been received in maritime zone of Haiphong.

**Lion Burnt
To Death
With Victim**

Lusaka, N. Rhodesia, Dec. 2.

A lion was burnt to death in a house in the Mipko district of Northern Rhodesia while it was eating an African girl whom it had killed.

The lion had entered the house, at Balamu Central School, during the night through a gap between the wall and the roof, and attacked the native girl.

Awakened by screams and growls, two other girls came to investigate. By this time, the victim was dead. The headmaster arrived with a gun and fired a shot, but missed. All three were mauled by the lion.

The headmaster's wife appeared with a heavy hoe and tried to ward off the lion with a blow on the head, but it returned to its prey.

The two injured girls managed to crawl outside. In desperation, the headmaster, with the help of his wife, locked the door and set fire to the house, burning the lion to death.—France-Press.

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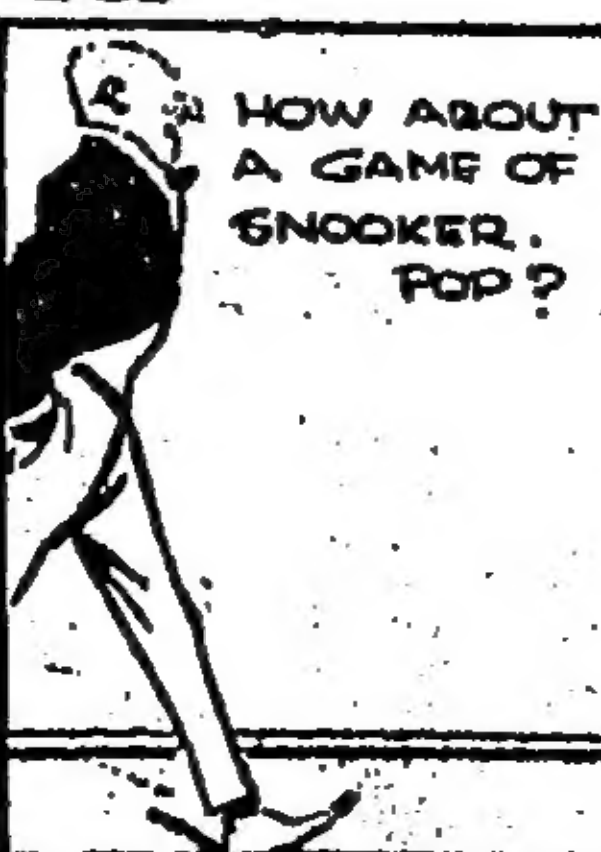
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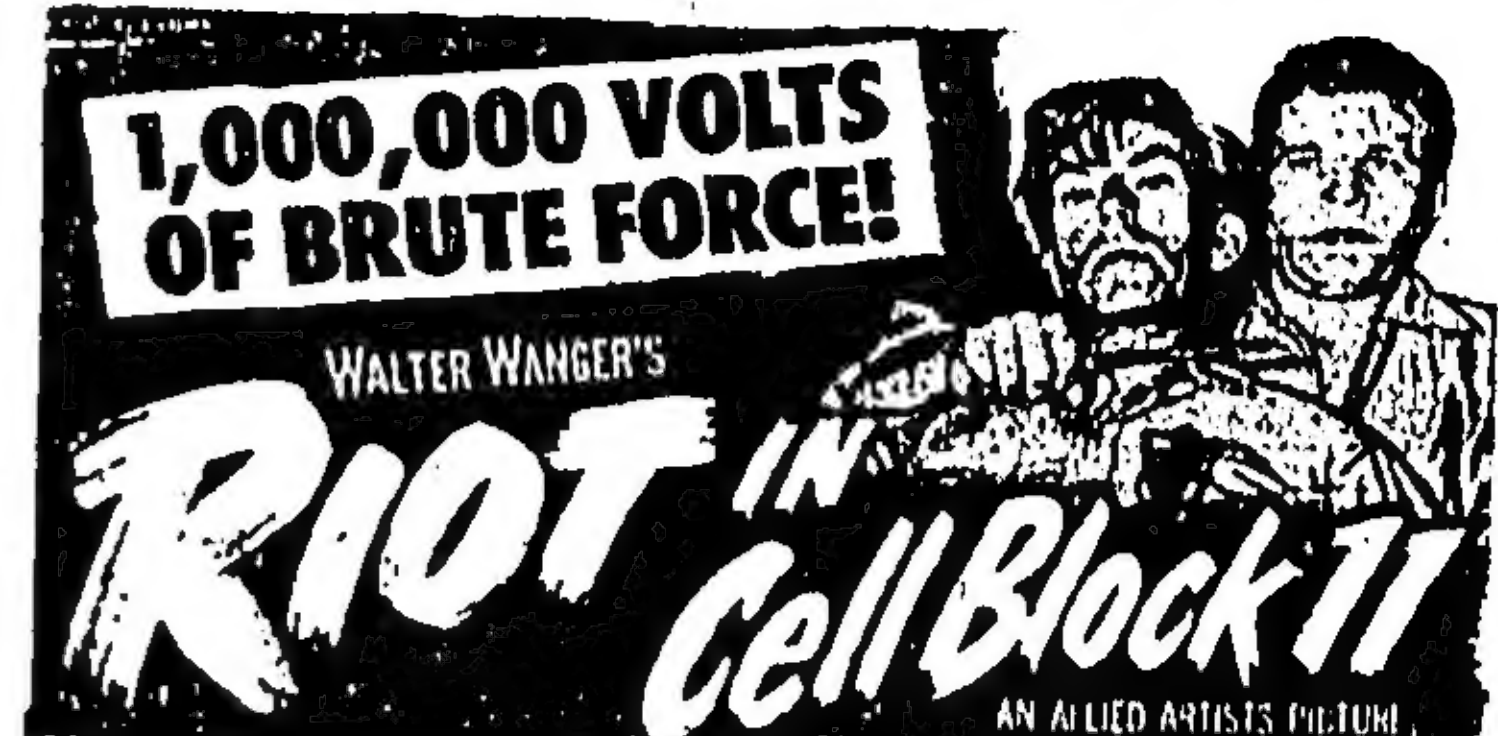
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THE EAST GERMAN ARMY

Seven Divisions Could Be Thrown Into Action Immediately

Berlin, Dec. 2.

Communist East Germany could throw a seven-division army into action on the West German frontier right now, Western intelligence officials said tonight.

They were commenting on the Soviet decision taken in Moscow today to "rearm" Eastern Germany officially.

Intelligence reports indicate that the 100,000-man East German Army is ready to step into the eastern NATO right now, while West Germany still has months to go before its first soldier is trained.

In addition, the Communists have built up a Navy and an Air Force of 10,000 men each.

SOME SUPERIOR

East German armoured units, equipped with Soviet tanks and tank-destroyers, are in some respects superior to Allied tank forces operating under NATO, they said.

While Western intelligence officials agree that the Communists are encountering difficulties in keeping morale high, they stress that Western military planners must reckon heavily on the Soviet Zone army in calculations of East German military power.

Support for East Germany was given recently by General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, who said seven East German divisions were among the 20 to 30 divisions estimated to be available to Soviet satellite nations.

Divisions of the Barracks People's Police—as the Communists call their armed forces—are stationed on the Soviet Army pattern.

According to military intelligence reports the East German Army is slowly but constantly improving through intensive training supervised by former Wehrmacht officers and Soviet Army instructors.

THE BACKBONE

Mechanized divisions form the backbone of the three East German Army corps.

The German mechanized divisions are reported to be small, highly manoeuvrable, and well equipped fighting units of about 12,000 men each. However, only one of the three mechanized divisions has full strength. The remaining two are reported to be filled up only to 70 and 85 per cent.

They are organised to dodge atomic attacks by splitting up into small but powerful self-sustaining armoured groups which can be assembled quickly for attacks on strong points.

Recent Allied manoeuvres in Western Germany, "Operation Battle Royal," were designed to test Allied manoeuvrability in atomic warfare.

Sir Richard Gale, NATO Northern Army Group Commander, said that the Allies were considering smaller divisions on the Soviet pattern to meet the demands of speedy dispersal under atomic attack.

The prime task of Soviet Zone mechanized divisions is an up-to-date version of the "T34," the streamlined, 30-ton Soviet tank of World War II—and Korea.

100 HEAVY TANKS

Intelligence reports say that the Communist Army possesses 600 "T34" tanks plus 100 heavy "Joseph Stalin II" 50-ton tanks and 300 self-propelled tank-destroyers.

The "Joseph Stalin II" tank, although not the latest Soviet tank model, is expected to be better and more heavily armed than the standard tank equipment of NATO forces in Europe, the United States M-48 "Patton" and Britain's "Centurion Mark III."

The Stalin mounts a 122-millimetre high-velocity gun. Communist infantry units are fully motorized and equipped with standard Soviet Army weapons whose quality has been praised often by military observers.

The Navy and Air Force are not as well off as the Army field forces. Intelligence reports show that the Air Force has some 600 pilots trained on single-seater, propeller-driven fighters. However, the number of pilots sent to Russia for jet training is said to be increasing.

TACTICAL AIR ARM

It is believed the Air Force eventually will become a tactical air arm to support ground troops equipped with MIG-15 jet fighters.

The Navy has a number of mine-sweeper units but no large fighting ships. Intelligence officials say it is designed mainly for limited coastal protection.

East German armoured forces are nominally headed by Lieutenant General Karl Heinz Hoffman, a Communist politician who has little or no military knowledge.

However, the Army's Chief of Staff, who is responsible for its military fitness, is experienced Lieutenant General Vincenz Mueller, former Commander General of an Army corps in the Nazi Wehrmacht. West German officers have a healthy respect for his ability.

Intelligence reports said that 25 per cent of the East German Army's officers are former officers of the Wehrmacht.—United Press.



MR CHOU EN-LAI

Struggle Against Interference

Paris, Dec. 2.

The Chinese Communist Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, said in a speech of welcome tonight for U Nu, the Burmese Premier, that Burma and China were "continuing their struggle against foreign interference and for a peaceful international environment," the Communist New China News Agency said tonight.

Mr Chou was speaking at a banquet in honour of the Burmese Premier, now on an official visit to Communist China.

After recalling that Burma was one of the first Asian countries to recognise the People's Republic of China, Mr Chou continued, "The equal and mutually beneficial relations between our two countries prove vigorously to the whole world that countries having different social systems and different ideologies not only should be but are perfectly capable of co-existing peacefully."

He declared that the "so-called SEATO Pact" jeopardised the interests of Asia.

He concluded by affirming that the Chinese people would not beg "the war bloc for peace at the cost of their sovereignty." —France-Press.

18 Killed In Train Crash

Louvain, Belgium, Dec. 2.

Eighteen people died when a train taking German football fans home from yesterday's England-Germany match in London jumped the rails here today.

Forty injured passengers were still in hospital, more than half of them in a serious condition. After 12 hours nonstop toll, rescue squads were still working, using artificial lights.—Reuters.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Indonesia Hails U.N. Adoption Of India's Resolution

Djakarta, Dec. 2.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Sunarjo, today hailed the adoption of the Indian resolution by the U.N. General Assembly's Main Political Committee as a "step forward" in Indonesia's struggle for Dutch New Guinea.

In a statement issued here, Dr Sunarjo said the resolution "preserves" the substance of the Indonesian resolution which was withdrawn in favour of the milder Indian compromise.

The Indian resolution called on the Netherlands and Indonesia to keep trying to settle their dispute over West New Guinea.

"Naturally we would be more satisfied if we could obtain what we regard as proper (the Indonesian resolution)," said Dr Sunarjo.

"Thus the substance of our resolution is preserved in that of India although it is more mildly worded," said Dr Sunarjo.

He said the resolution "carries my full appreciation because its essence does not differ from our aspirations and it is a step forward toward solution of the West Irian question."

WHICH NATIONS

Dr Sunarjo said the resolution enabled Indonesia to see which nations were for and which nations were against Indonesia and which were in doubt on the dispute.

He added that the most pleasing aspect was the support of the Afro-Asian nations, the Soviet bloc and the Latin American countries.—United Press.

'FATHER' OF STOCK EXCHANGE DEAD

London, Dec. 2.

Colonel Sir Benjamin Hunsford, "father" of the London Stock Exchange, has died at the age of 91, it was announced today.

He had been a member of the Stock Exchange since 1800.—Reuters.



The scene as labourers push away the first of the forty-two-ton blocks of limestone to reveal the "Sun Boat" of Cheops at the Great Pyramid at Giza, Egypt. The aperture made visible some thirteen feet below the surface, the blackened prow of the boat which was placed there nearly 6,000 years ago to carry Cheops into eternity. Previously the boat was only visible through a peep-hole drilled in a slab of stone at the time of its discovery last May—to prove its existence. It is thought to be the oldest structure of its kind in the world. —Express Photo.

Former Japanese Officer Told To Leave Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 2.

A Japanese, believed by Singapore Immigration authorities to have been a war-time intelligence officer, has been ordered to leave here.

Immigration authorities today issued a "Notice to Depart" to a Japanese man, believed to have been a war-time intelligence officer, who had been in Singapore during the occupation as an intelligence officer.

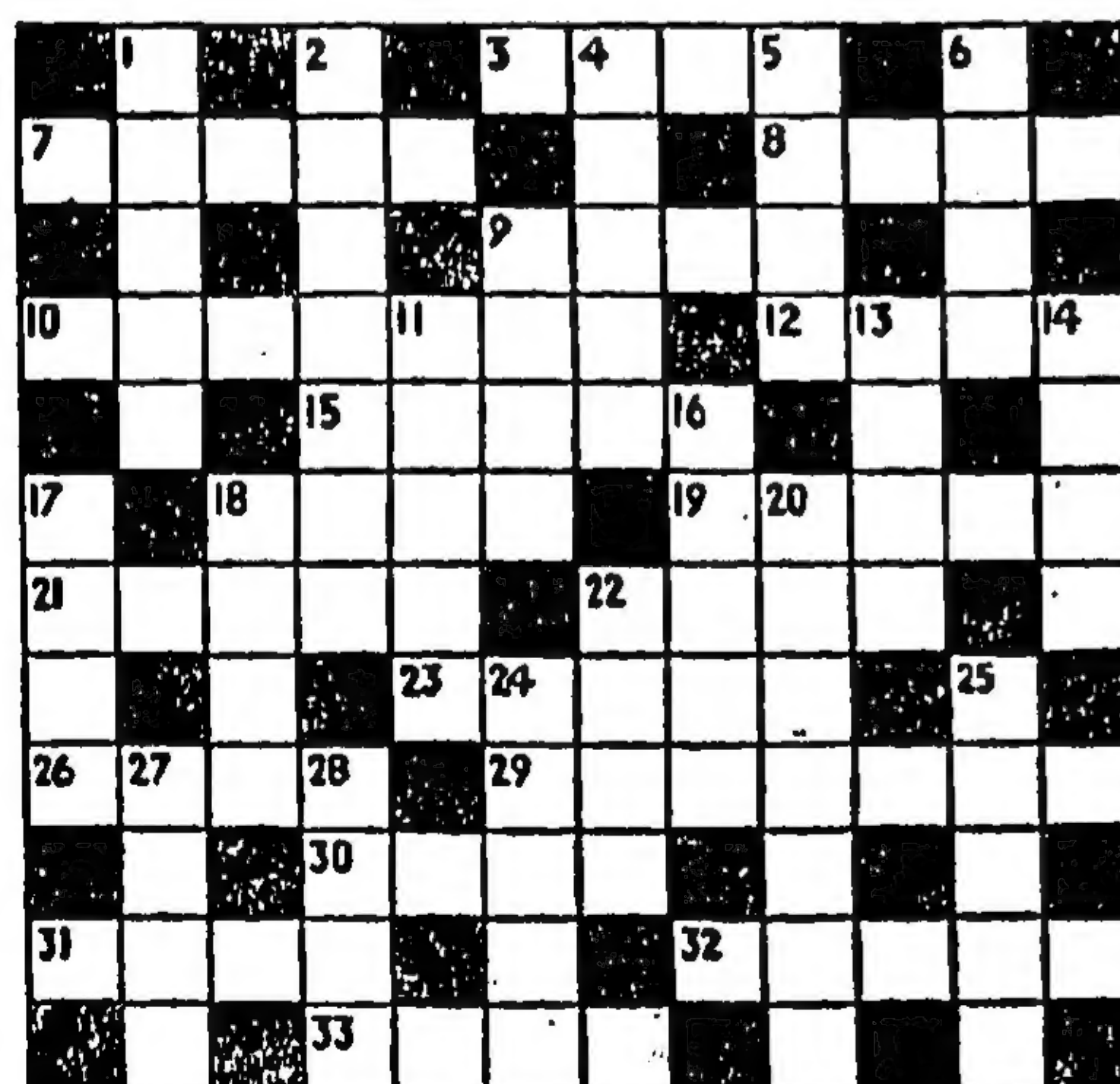
EXPOSED

Ishijima, now representing a Tokyo electrical appliance firm, is believed to have been recognised and exposed last month.

He was believed to have been a Japanese intelligence officer who had been in Singapore during the occupation as an intelligence officer.

Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China, today said that the Chinese people would not beg "the war bloc for peace at the cost of their sovereignty." —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Impoverished (4).
- 7 Symbols (5).
- 8 Greedy (4).
- 9 Snacks (4).
- 10 Kind of cigar (7).
- 12 Scheme (4).
- 13 Skull (5).
- 16 Stadium (6).
- 21 Refuge (5).
- 22 Lost blood (4).
- 23 Sprout (5).
- 20 Repulse (4).
- 19 Set fire to (7).
- 10 Assist (5).
- 31 Stable (4).
- 32 Rustle (5).
- 33 Attitude (4).

DOWN

- 1 Power (5).
- 2 Trespass (7).
- 4 Speak (5).
- 5 Grate (4).
- 6 Passport endorsement (4).
- 9 Governor (4).
- 11 Unleash (5).
- 13 Fibbed (4).
- 14 Of elegant simplicity (4).
- 15 Claw (5).
- 17 False (4).
- 18 Cooker (4).
- 20 Train (7).
- 22 Fens (4).
- 24 Conceal (5).
- 25 Ease off (4).
- 27 Way out (4).
- 28 Moleat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Stolid, 7 Omen, 9 Fawn, 10 Lemon, 11 Pail, 13 Reparation, 15 Swelling, 22 Late, 24 Nervy, 25 Reels, 26 Core, 27 Enrols, 28 Tramp, 31 Liner, 4 Dilute, 5 Composer, 6 Bunt, 8 Mount, 12 Sprig, 18 Rebel, 14 Answers, 17 Aster, 18 Albers, 20 Error, 21 Ideal, 23 Anger.

By Robert L. May



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RITCHIE CALDER reports on the unending efforts of scientists to bring water to the dry places of Israel

WATER FOR A THIRSTY LAND

TO see a camel walking on its hump is bad enough, but to see an oil-well perambulating along the desert horizon at 30 miles an hour "gave me the willies."

The topsy-turvy camel I have learned to recognise as mirage, a trick of the atmosphere above the shimmering heat of the desert sands, which gives an inverted image of something beyond the horizon.

But the second was a freak which I have just met for the first time in the Negev, south of Beersheba. Like those fool-hardy people who chase after Flying Saucers, we sped after that Walt Disney oil-well and overtook it not far from the patriarchal tents of a Bedouin encampment.

The explanation was perfectly rational. It was a mobile derrick, a vertical boring rig, mounted on a truck. It was one of several which go around Israel not only probing for oil but for water for the Thirstlands.

Here was modern science in an Old Testament setting.

GOOD WATER

In the twentieth century, to find water scientists sent out by Weizmann Research Institute, at Rehovot, man-made earthquake and the Laws of Newton.

This mobile boring rig drills a 200-foot-deep hole into the desert. In this hole the scientists put a charge of explosives—about 50lb. of gellignite. When the charge is detonated it produces the effect of a minor earthquake. The shock-waves travel through the various layers, sand, clay, limestone and hard rocks at varying speeds. The waves are reflected back to the surface.

Spaced out over the desert landscape at intervals

of a quarter of a mile are instruments—geophones and seismometers—which pick up the waves and record them as diagrams. Experts can recognise the squiggles and identify the layers through which the "earthquake" has passed. They can then decide whether the formations are likely to contain oil or water.

They hope in the process to find oil. But just as urgent is the need to find water—good water.

Half the State of Israel is (or has been until the last few years) desert. The Negev, that triangle on the map between Egypt and Jordan. The Northern Negev, above Beersheba, has a reasonable but erratic rainfall. The Southern

The Past

For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Zechariah, 8, 12.

Negev is lucky if it gets four inches of rain in a year.

And that four inches may come down in a single storm. Falling on the bare mountains it is shed, like water off a roof, into the gutters of the wadis, the dry river beds. Down these channels the water floods in a violent and brief onrush to dissipate itself over the desert.

At places, like Revivim and Masbabin, the settlements have been established in the Bad Lands—defying the hazards of nature as they defy the "intruders" who come from Egypt or Jordan.

Revivim means "Drops of Water." That, in terms of rain, is about all it amounts to. During the Arab-Israeli war Revivim was beleaguered and held out for months. In that siege the soldiers had to "dig in" and in excavating a shelter, they uncovered a ready-made dug-out—a pillared cave which had been a Byzantine water-tank. So 1,500 years ago earlier soldiers had struggled with the same intractable conditions.

There is a well at Revivim drawing water from a depth of 300 feet, but it is salty. They have, therefore, to discover ways of trapping, storing and spreading the waters which come pouring down the Wadi Aslul in sudden spate.

When I was there four years ago tragedy had overtaken the settlement. The terrace which they had laboured to build had been smashed by the violence of the water which came down as a wall of water, 10 feet high. Then they had trouble with their storage reservoir, so which they diluted their salty well-water with flood water, but which leaked.

They are still struggling with their water problems, but Revivim today is a fruitful oasis in the desert—a place which they still gratefully remember, where after months in the tawny desert I heard birds sing, heard the hum of bees and watched brilliantly coloured butterflies flitting with vivid flowers.

CHECK DAMS

Not far away is Masbabin. I saw it begin and I saw it again two years ago. Here, today, they are taking advantage of experience, learning the lessons of that broken dam at Revivim and learning the lessons of the Ancients—the Nabateans of the time of Jesus and the Byzantines.

And if you fly over the Negev as I have just done you can see those lessons imprinted on the landscape. For the Ancients knew you could not throttle the waters by massive dams on major wadis. They built check dams on the tributary wadis and diversion dams and "kicker" dams. The latter are "half-dams," dykes which kick the downrushing water on to land already prepared for them.

Around Masbabin such brakes have been put on the tributary wadis and outcrop fields prepared around them. The dam on the main wadi is near the settlement. But through the dykes they have made a large-bore pipe.

When the waters come down they pile up behind the dykes but also escape through the pipe, so that the force and the spread are regulated.

Further south is the ruined desert city of Subetta. To get there means hard going over hostile Arabes still use the old Spice Road which led from Egypt, through Subetta, into Jordan.

This ancient city, with its paved streets, imposing villas and temples, shows that it was not merely a good pull-up for camel drivers, but a community

Enough To Make Edgar Wallace Turn In His Grave

THEY WANT TO PUT SOHO UNDER GLASS

By FRANK MARGAN

IT'S enough to make Edgar Wallace turn in his grave. They are talking of putting his fabulous Soho under glass.

With the Limehouse of pigtailed Chinese, hashish and opium dens, bawdy houses, wild intrigues and midnight speedboat chases on the Thames gone forever via the Luftwaffe's blitz, Wallace has only Soho left of the mysterious London he painted so vividly in his scores of thrillers.

And now they want to put it under glass, introduce Venetian canals, and altogether turn this fabulous heart of London into a sketch from a Buck Rogers comic book.

Revolution

Edgar Wallace fans have some 40 or 50 years. It is true to form a society for the preservation of Soho, but the glass age development committee has stolen a march on them with the slogan, "You just can't stop the forward march of progress."

Further, the glass age committee, formed by a group of eminent architects, has already set up a showroom with models of London of 2,000 AD, and glass staircases and pavements that they hope will be the vogue in the future.

Poor old Soho, poor old Edgar Wallace! If the change comes about, it will be the first material revolution in this exotic and completely un-English heart of London in over a century and more.

Soho lies within a square mile—most commonly referred to as "the square mile of sin"—behind Piccadilly Circus, the so-called heart of the Empire.

French Exiles

In years gone by, Frenchmen fleeing from either revolution or religious persecution flocked into London and made Soho their home. A French woman who had a boarding house in the area received the exiles and used her home as a clearing house from where the Frenchmen and women were set up in lodgings around and about.

Ever since then Soho has had a peculiarly French atmosphere all of its own—more French even than Montmartre, as some people aver.

When the English aristocracy began discovering Soho before Queen Victoria's time, it was considered both naughty and daring to be seen around the area at night, and the young bucks of the day looked on a souvenir rossette from the badly housed of Madame Ranoul in the same way as the young men of today regard their latest sports car.

Soho was in a near-standstill in Victoria's reign, but it remained the centre of the good-time district, the place where one could find the unusual in night clubs, the exciting in entertainment and the risk in just walking around the gloomy alleys after dark.

Gay Places

It is not so different there today, except that this "not exactly nice" form of entertainment is considered "just one of those things" in this advanced and enlightened world of ours.

The night clubs are still there, but many of the gay places of old are now "near beer" clubs where the poor patron is taken for a financial ride to the accompaniment of thin music, strident women and watered down beer at fantastic prices.

The financial element has entered into the fun-making, and fun-making is not done with the same gay abandon as it was in the past. These "not very nice" things of Victoria's time are too much the everyday thing of the atomic age.

Atmosphere

But the flavour and atmosphere of Soho remain the same. It can be felt in the Italian and French coffee shops, where English is an alien tongue, in the restaurants serving Scampi, shush kebabs and zabaglione, or in that particular one where Princess Margaret often dines on snails cooked in butter.

It can be felt in places like the Fitzroy Tavern, decorated in the style of a typical English pub, but with pictures of such great Frenchmen such as Maurice Chevalier, President

Coly, Marcel Cerdan and Georges Carpentier splattered all over the walls, and where the owner is a gent by the name of Monsieur Gaston Bellemont, who throws his customers out at 11 p.m. closing time with "Time, gentlemen, please" delivered in French.

Even the street corner Indian will address their clients in French, for the Champs Elysees is becoming crowded, and Soho is more lucrative.

Even the main church in Soho Square has its signboard in French, the language in which the sermon is delivered.

And throughout the whole area runs a throbbing, lively stream of life. Neon lights and blinding gas lamps cast a yellowish, pinkish, bluish light on every race in the world, on every meal of every country in the world, on the oldest provision in the world, on some of the really tough guys of London.

Atomic Power

It is not really much different today from the way Wallace painted it.

But the glass age development committee want to change it all. They want the present maze of streets and alleys completely glassed in and air-conditioned by atomic power. They want canals with warm water flowing above the streets and carrying glass-bottomed boats as a 2,000 AD substitute for the present flaming-red London bus.

Sunshine, if London can be expected to have any by then, will be doled out to the mobs in the glass streets through a filter. The people will go about free from rain, an unusual experience in itself. When they look up from their baklava, which we hope will still be served there in 50 years' time, good eaters will see people or fish swimming in pools above the glass cafe roofs.

Skyscrapers

The present Georgian mansions above the brassy and not-so-brassy shops will go, and in their place will be six-faced skyscraper flats built entirely of glass, with gardens, glass theatres and dance halls in between. Helicopters will buzz about, landing on the rooftops—but they will be noiseless helicopters.

And all this glass will not only be soundproof, but bulletproof as well, and in the event of an H-bomb attack the buildings will certainly crumble, but they will go so without jagged ends, so that nobody gets a cut finger while poking about the ruins.

The glass age development committee intends hawking its plans throughout the country. They already have considerable support from the glass manufacturers of Britain.

"This is a world trend that has already started and which simply cannot be stopped," say the architects.

Alas poor Edgar Wallace! Alas poor Soho!—United Press.

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"Are you sure you fell overboard?"

CROSSWORD

Across

1. They did not go to the end of the road (7, 9)

2. You shouldn't get a new machine (7, 9)

3. This amount of money went into the famous (7, 9)

4. As in an old artist needs it (10)

5. The lawyer takes it, and he has realized an ambition (10)

6. The ground under it is not completely visible (10)

7. Varieties (10)

8. Feather, without the inside (10)

9. They worried the (10)

10. Surely they're not found in a (10)

11. A bare throat and an Agency (10)

12. Common sense changed on (10)

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BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE secret of a good man who was quoted recently as saying "A man with a strong will can do anything he wants to" has my permission to ride a full-grown giraffe under a low railway bridge if he wants to.

Give it time
THERE is bound to be some confusion at first in the working of the game, which are to be played up to the end of the year. In one West End street recently 37 unattended cars were left and deposited in the wrong car-park. The owners could not find them. On another occasion a man who had just begun to edge forward after nearly an hour's unprofitable in a jam was without warning, looked and lifted and deposited in another street, where, almost at once, he was caught in an even worse jam.

Household hint
HOW to get an eel out of an aquarium-keeper's hat: If he is wearing the hat, tilt it cautiously, holding the free hand ready to seize the eel. The eel may be in a far corner of the hat, in which case, the hat should be matched off quickly and thrown into the nearest tank. The eel will then swim clear of the hat. If the keeper's hat is not on his head, stand up.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
BORN today, you have an outgoing, even flamboyant personality which makes friends and influences people wherever you go. Be very careful that your ideas are always kept high, for you have a power over many which must be used to some good purpose or it might prove a match down the wrong road. Although you can be diplomatic and tactful when it seems necessary, you can also be dominating, impatient and headless of others when you believe that you have your best interests at heart. You must cultivate your emotional control at all times, and especially when you are in a position to become the successful person your talents warrant.

You must also guard against becoming too pleasure-loving for your own best good. You are altogether too ready to put off a serious job of work if there is a party going on. Yet, there are times when you

must use such harsh discipline at the office or even at home—that you become a tyrant. A beloved tyrant, but one which need not be, if you will only think more carefully before you act.

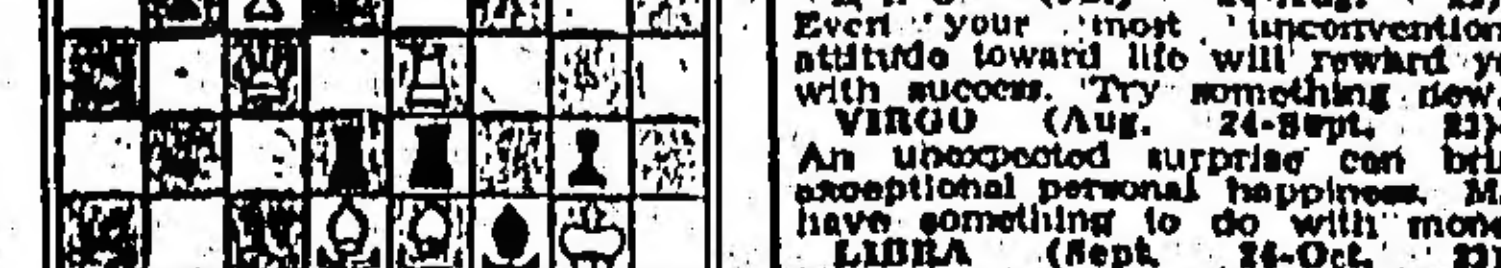
You have a magnetic personality and you will be most content if you are surrounded by people who are successful in their own way. You are a natural leader and you will be most content if you are surrounded by people who are successful in their own way.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
It may be necessary for you to carry home that work-packed briefcase. Good luck don't necessarily follow the working week!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
Your streak of good fortune continues.

CHESS PROBLEM
By T. BLISTEN
Black, 8 pieces.



White to play; mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-B5, any; 2. Q, or Kt-mates.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Read Whole Story Before You Decide

By OSWALD JACOBY

"A FEW years ago," writes George Spillman, of Pittsburgh, "I sent you a smother play, but you didn't use it, because there was another way to make the contract. Well, last Saturday at Henderson's Bridge Studio, the accompanying hand came up in a duplicate, and I had a second opportunity."

"West led the five of diamonds and I won East's queen with the ace. I led the queen of trumps, which held, and when the nine dropped, I saw the possibility of the rare smother play."

"I could not lead a second trump at once, for West might get the lead in diamonds and lead a third trump, forcing out dummy's ace. So I played the jack of diamonds, which West won, and he returned a trump. I won this with dummy's ten, cashed the diamond 10, the ace and king of clubs, and played a heart to the ace. Then I ruffed dummy's last club, and led another heart."

"East had discarded a diamond on the second spade, so I had nearly a complete count. If West had the heart queen, a finesse would give me five odd; if he had a low heart or a club, a smother play would give me five odd. Since I prefer a smother play to a finesse, I went up with the heart king and threw East in with the third round."

"We opened the travelling score and found that others had

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South	West	North
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2	N.T.	Pass
4	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦5		

made four no-trump or four spades; making five gave me a clear top.

"Please don't stop reading yet."

"Now West led the diamond. I started to figure how many no-trump would probably be made before I started to play the hand. It appeared very likely that I could make as many no-trump as I could make in spades, and the more I thought the better I liked no-trump."

"So then I started to play the hand. I play two rounds of spades, and a third round—to clear the suit. Then I recalled that, much as I liked no-trump, I wasn't playing no-trump."

"What's the 'What's the contract?' I asked my partner."

"Four spades," she replied.

"And I'm playing it in no-trump," I groaned. "I think I could have made a smother play on this hand."

"That's me, I recognise the correct play in a flash as soon as I've missed it."

"I made four spades, opened the travelling sheet and found that others had made four no-trump or four spades, so I was tied for bottom."

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Spade Pass 1 N.T. 2 Dmids.

Q—You, South, hold: Spades A-K-Q-J-6-3, Hearts A-Q-2, Diamonds None, Clubs K-J-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. This bid shows complete control of diamonds, and indicates that you are interested in a slam despite your partner's weak response. The slam is unlikely, but it costs nothing to try for it on your way to four spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-5, Hearts Q-6-2, Diamonds A-Q-9, Clubs 8-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

SHEE HIDING BEHIND A NOM DE PLUME

WELL SHE DID HAVE A PERFECT MANIA FOR FEATHERED HATS!

THE NEXT SECOND, Mr. Merlin the Magician, came out. He nodded pleasantly to Knarf and General Tin. "Why are you walking around bare-footed, General Tin?" Mr. Merlin asked.

WOMANSENSE

A Haven For Waifs

By TESSA RYLANDS

Smart Tweed Ensemble



"Zodiac," a black tweed ensemble by Maggy Rouff, consisting of a jacket with astrakhan collar and a pencil-slim skirt. The material is interwoven with silk thread.—Agence France-Press.

DON'T LET YOUR MANNERS DETRACT FROM CHARM

MANY women have little habits and mannerisms that detract from charm and beauty.

If you chew your fingers, for example, they will become ugly. If you indulge in facial acrobatics, you will distort your features. If you slump or twist your body in ungainly attitudes, you will ruin your figure, diminish your chances of being attractive to men.

Bridge players who tap their fingers on the table during a game can make other players nervous. Tapping the toes shows lack of poise. Biting the lips will make the skin rough and ragged. Putting too much lipstick on the lips means that it

will be transferred to the edge of the tea cup and your party hostess will be annoyed.

There is the house guest who removes surplus lipstick with her hostess's linen towels. That will enrage the lady and there will never be a second invitation extended.

A LONG LIST

A most unpleasant habit is that of combing the hair in a public place. Some of the younger good-looking seekers do this on the street, which looks pretty silly.

A list of these habits is as long as your arm. To mention a few, there is the hip swinger who apparently takes that

means of calling attention to her figure; there is the young lady who sprawls in her chair, kicks up the rug.

Twisting a strand of hair is a common mannerism. Or, if not the hair, then the nervous fingers fiddle with a button, peckles or the ornaments. Girls who do that sort of thing are not restful companions. And don't think the boys don't notice. They notice and disapprove.

Perhaps you have observed the young woman who talks through her fingers, producing a mumble that is a strain on your ears, as you cannot understand much that she says.

—Helen Follett

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

General Tin's New Shoes

—He was Barefoot till Merlin Came Along—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was quite surprised at what he saw. And what he saw was this. He saw General Tin the Tin Soldier marching up and down on one side of the room to the other and muttering: "I've got to get new shoes."

Knarf now noticed that General Tin (and this was really astonishing!) had no shoes on at all. He was marching up and down in his bare feet.

Barefoot Warrior

It was the first time that Knarf (or perhaps anyone, for that matter) had ever seen a tin-soldier marching up and down in his bare feet.

"My shoes are all worn out," General Tin explained to Knarf, as Knarf went up to the bare-footed soldier and walked up and down with him. "I've got to get new shoes."

"Yes, of course," said Knarf. "But where are you going to get them?"

General Tin stopped short. He scowled. "That," he said to Knarf, "is just what's worrying me. Where does a tin soldier get a new pair of shoes?"

Knarf said he didn't know. "But you ought to know," General Tin said.

Here, a curious thing happened. Someone behind the bookcase started chuckling.

The next second, Mr. Merlin the Magician, came out. He nodded pleasantly to Knarf and General Tin. "Why are you walking around bare-footed, General Tin?" Mr. Merlin asked.

General Tin explained he had worn out his shoes and didn't know where to buy a new pair.

"Where do tin soldiers buy their shoes?" Knarf asked Mr. Merlin.

"In a tin-soldier-shoe-store," replied Mr. Merlin. "Everybody knows that."

Mr. Merlin said he would take General Tin to the tin-soldier-shoe-store right away.

A few minutes later, Knarf and General Tin and Mr. Merlin were walking down in a street in the middle of town. Finally they came to a big shoe store.

"Is this it, Mr. Merlin?" asked Knarf.

"Yes," said Mr. Merlin, "but follow me when we get inside. The tin-soldier-shoe-department is in the back."

So Knarf and General Tin followed Mr. Merlin into the shoe store. They didn't sit down.

In the regular part of the shoe store but walked back to the place where all the shoe boxes were piled up on shelves. Then Mr. Merlin walked behind the shelves . . . and they found themselves suddenly in a very strange shoe store indeed!

In one of the chairs, a China doll was getting a pair of silver slippers.

In another chair, a toy elephant was getting a pair of jungle boots.

In a third chair, a dozen salesmen were fitting shoes on a centipede.

Then General Tin sat down. "What colour shoes, please, do you wish, General?" the shoe salesman asked.

"Red shoes," said General Tin.

The Kindest Wizard

The salesman didn't bring red shoes at all. He brought a tin of red paint. "Dip your feet in here, General," he said. The General did.

He walked out of the shoe store with the brightest, shiniest, reddest shoes that a tin soldier had ever had.

"Don't mention it," Mr. Merlin said, when General Tin thanked him for taking him to the tin-soldier-shoe-store. "I do things like this right along. I'm probably the best-natured magician in the whole wide world." And he grinned.

Knarf and General Tin were quite sure that Mr. Merlin the Magician was right.

Rupert at Greyrocks Cove—38

The last few cases are carried up by the foreign man and while David's Rupert's father found the bridge just in time to dodge behind another rock before the big light goes out. Soon the queer pair have pushed off again.

"Where's it lucky they didn't see that hanging rope?" breathes Rupert. "Let's get back now!"

"No, let's stay," says David. "They've let out all lamp burning. That means they will return, but first I mean to solve this mystery, too!"

Just arrived

Rupert's Latest Adventure

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NAVY AND WHITE FOR SPRING

Navy and white are used for this smart spring suit. The notched revers are trimmed with crisp white pique and a white gilet adds a dash of spring to the neckline.

Smoke Dreams Came True For Pipe Men

New York. A FEMININE smoking fad, which began last summer has proved more than just a pipe dream for the industry.

The pipe manufacturers say that women are buying and using the dainty, jewelled briars in white and pastel shades. And now, the accessories manufacturers are getting in the act. You even can buy jewelled match covers for the lady who lights up.

Bernard Gould, an executive at a famous pipe manufacturer, estimated that more than 400,000 ladies' pipes have been sold in the last few months. About 50 percent are bought by women to rest by men as gifts for the girls.

Most popular style, said Gould, is the straight line.

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FELLAGHA LAY DOWN ARMS

Tunis, Dec. 2. Franco-Tunisian peace teams today made contact with fellagha outlaws all over the troubled protectorate, and officials predicted that "hundreds" more would lay down their arms on the second day of this unique operation.

Teams consisting of a Tunisian and a French officer made their way into fellagha-infested mountains near Sousse, Medinine, Tahhouine, Side Bou Zid, Kairouan and Kasrme to end the war that has raged since May. A total of 77 fellagha gave themselves up yesterday and the authorities hope these were but the vanguard of an estimated 2,500 outlaws organised in small bands.

The biggest prize was a band of several hundred men under the leadership of the fellagha chief, Lashar Chirri, who assembled at a point in the Saharan steppe near Gafsa. If the current operation succeeds, France will have made her greatest progress in North Africa since the war United Press

Husband Bites Off Wife's Nose

Mexico City, Dec. 2. Margaret Trejo complained to the police yesterday that her husband, Enrique, bit off her nose when she repeated a request that they add a religious ceremony to the civil marriage they contracted three months ago. United Press

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Fewer Twins Being Killed

Johannesburg, Dec. 2. The Bantu custom of killing both twins immediately after birth is dying out among the Venda tribe of the Northern Transvaal, says Mr D. W. Giesekke, principal of the Vendaland Institute for Higher Education.

"I am sure that many infants are being killed, especially in the more remote areas," he said in an interview.

He continued, "It is not an prevalent near mission stations where Christianity has influenced the natives. In this respect, Christianity is making great headway."

"The killing is done by the paternal grandmother of the husband's sister. When it is a girl, the Venda say rain will decrease in the district and water sources dry up."

NO SUSPICIONS

"Sometimes the killing is not done because of the fear of the law but the twins are neglected and slowly poisoned so that they die at about the age of two without suspicions being aroused."

"Sometimes mothers flee to mission stations with their children for protection. I know of one such mother whose husband deserted her when she bore twins."

"They loved each other and were persuaded to live together again after seven years because no ill fortune had befallen the family as they believed would be the case as a result of having twins."

Mr Giesekke, who is the son of a missionary and the grandson of the Rev. E. Schwelbuss, a famous missionary of the Northern Transvaal, has been brought up among the Venda and has made a lifelong study of their history and customs.

He said custom dies hard among the Venda and legislation alone could not eliminate the custom of killing twins. — France-Press.

TITO'S PARTISANS WENT HOME COLD

Belgrade, Dec. 3. The people of Belgrade fear that they will freeze this winter unless some unexpected remedy is found for a crisis in supplies of coal, electricity and gas, which has lasted since early summer.

Gaily dressed citizens thronged the streets during an "Indian summer" in the second half of October for celebrations commemorating the tenth anniversary of Belgrade's liberation, in 1944, by Marshal Tito's Partisans.

But many of them returned home after dark to homes with empty coal cellars and a cold supper by candle light.

Yugoslavia is in the paradoxical position of having one of the biggest hydroelectric potentials of any country in Europe. Representatives of Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria and West Germany have been discussing plans for the future export of electric power from Yugoslavia to the other three countries.

But Yugoslavia's industrial development has outstripped the pace of her electrification, with the result that there is a shortage of electricity both for industry and for the private citizen.

Even through the summer, electricity was regularly cut in Belgrade households on three days a week. As autumn came, additional cuts, known officially as "out of schedule restrictions", were imposed, so that the householder did not know when he would have electricity and when not.

Mr Djurica Jokic, Belgrade's Lord Mayor, said that he thought the only solution was to build a new power station producing 30 megawatts. This would take two years.

According to Mr Jokic, the reason for the coal shortage is that the mines are not producing enough. He quoted figures showing that the Belgrade fuel enterprise had made contracts for sufficient supplies, but the

coal costs the citizen—when he can find it—slightly more or slightly less than 4,000 dinars (£4.16s) a ton, depending on quality. Transport and unloading into a cellar are charged extra, making about another 1,000 dinars (£1.3s) a ton.

The Press has described various "under the counter" means of obtaining coal and the consequent emergence of a black market.

5 A.M. QUEUING One newspaper said that to be sure of obtaining coal within a few months from some coal merchants, it is necessary to report at the coal yard at 5 a.m. on three mornings a week.

The prospective customer's name is then entered on a list of several hundred, the newspaper added, and he is given a serial number. If he fails to appear on more than two mornings, his name is automatically struck off the list.

The list is administered not by the coal merchants but by the intending customers themselves. Each one has to take a turn at a six-hour period starting at 4 a.m.

Thus, after about two months of reporting to the coal yard at 5 a.m. on three days a week, and after perhaps one six-hour stretch administering the list, the customer's serial number will come to the top and he will receive coal.

In spite of the time wasted in this manner, some jobless men put their names down on a list at three or four different coal merchants so that when they eventually get coal they can sell what they do not need at a handsome profit on the black market.

BUTANE GAS Some housewives thought that their cooking problems could be solved by subscribing to the butane gas service in mobile containers. A mains gas supply has never been installed in Belgrade.

However, after exhausting the first container, they found that the municipal gas enterprise was unable to supply them with a new one for weeks, and in some cases months. Although there was apparently enough gas at the source in Slovenia, there was a critical shortage of containers. A refinery at Borsinski Brod, too had to stop work for technical reasons. — China Mail Special.

Paris, Dec. 2. Steps to restore normal communications between North and South Korea were revealed by the Moscow radio, in a broadcast monitored here today.

The announcer said that Pak Il Yu, North Korean Minister for Communications, had sent a letter to his opposite number in South Korea suggesting a joint conference to restore the usual postal facilities between the two parts of Korea. — France-Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

ATOP KING BARTON'S ROOF, LOTAR TACKLES THE SOLDIERS—

GET MANDRAKE! Hey—LOOK OUT—!

YOU FELLAS GOING SHOOT NOBODY?

QUICK—NARDA—UP THE ROPE LADDER—INTO THE 'COPPER'!

I WON'T LEAVE YOU HERE, BARTON! I'LL KILL YOU. COME WITH ME!

NO—I CAN'T! LOTAR, CLIMB, NARDA!

TALK ABOUT MAGIC! Have you seen

Admiral

AIR CONDITIONERS AND REFRIGERATORS

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By Mik

I JUST GOT AN IDEA—I'M GOING HOME

NOW I DON'T NEED A NEW PLASTERING JOB

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Copenhagen	12.40	-12.40
Oslo	20.015	-20.015
Paris	20.015	-20.015
Stockholm	14.45	-14.45
West Marks	11.78	-11.78
Zurich	12.25	-12.25
Others were unchanged		
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